

Alex Hope News



March 5, 2021

Newsletter #6

New Daily Health Check Form – Digital and Print Version

Thank you for continuing to conduct a daily health check with your child. It is an important measure to help keep our school community healthy and safe. To better assist families, the Ministry of Education has developed an online K to 12 Health Check which can be found here: <https://www.k12dailycheck.gov.bc.ca/healthcheck>

A mobile phone app version can also be downloaded, called K to 12 Health Checker.

K-12 COVID-19 Rapid Response Teams

This week the Ministry of Education provided an update on K-12 COVID-19 rapid response teams which are now deployed in each health authority to support students and staff. As the pandemic evolves, these teams will help the province respond quickly and adapt, where necessary, to keep schools safe. To read more about what the teams will be doing in our community, view the news release **here**.

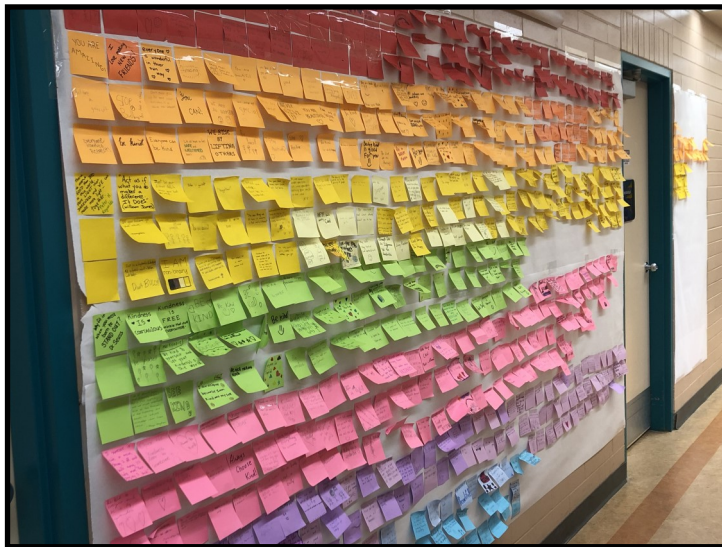
DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 5— Term 2 Report Cards Published to MyEd
- March 10— Parent/Teacher Interviews—**Students dismissed at 1:17pm**
- March 11— Parent/Teacher Interviews—**Students dismissed at 1:17pm**
- March 12— Tacky Tourist Day!
Last Day of School before Spring Break!
- March 29— Back to School after Spring Break
- April 2— Good Friday
- April 5— Easter Monday



Diversity and Respect Week:

We were so excited to see and hear the teaching and discussions that occurred during Diversity and Respect Week. The school wide participation in all the activities was really great to see. Though we utilize Pink Shirt Day and the Rainbow Spirit Day to boost the profile of this extremely important subject matter, our goal amongst staff and students is to drive home the idea that Diversity and Respect Week is about so much more than wearing a shirt or dressing up. At Alex Hope, we encourage our students to be allies. We want to ensure that students feel they have the freedom to be who they want to be. Our goal is to create a community that celebrates diversity in all forms, and focuses on empathy, knowledge, and understanding. During this week, and the weeks leading up to Diversity Week, students read books, did research or listened to announcements that highlighted important Black figures to celebrate Black History Month. We also learned about and celebrated Lunar New Year and then capped the week off with our Rainbow Spirit Day. This is a wonderful community and we have a tremendous student body; however, we are just starting our journey and there is work to be done. We are so proud and honoured to be doing this work along-side our students and the Alex Hope community.



SchoolMessenger:

Just a reminder that the district has started using SchoolMessenger to support our ability to communicate with our families. We have been happy with the calling function, as it has assisted our office in contacting students with unexcused absences. When we send a 'broadcast' (email, phone call, text) please be sure to read/listen to the entire message, as many do not require a response. If you have yet to sign up for the text message feature, please see the SchoolMessenger page that has been added to this newsletter for instructions.



Parent/Teacher Interviews:

The School Appointments Scheduler will be closed as of Monday at 3pm. Be sure to have booked your appointment before the deadline. Please keep in mind that we will continue to proceed with caution, as such, all appointments will be done virtually. The only exceptions will be if the teacher has contacted you directly or if there are issues with technology that we cannot support. Though we will follow the same process as term 1 – if you still require directions, please see the instruction page that has been added to the end of this newsletter.

Alex Hope Agenda Design Contest:

Once again, we will be holding our annual agenda design contest. We are looking for bright and fully coloured submissions. This year's theme is: **What do you 'see' when you think of Alex Hope.** Be creative and show school spirit. Please be sure to use 8.5 x 11 paper and be sure to put your name on the back. All submissions need to be back into the office by Friday, April 2.





*The Trusted Platform
for School Community Engagement*

Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number:

For **CANADA-BASED** numbers: 978338

For **US-BASED** numbers: 61569 (see next page for QR code)

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

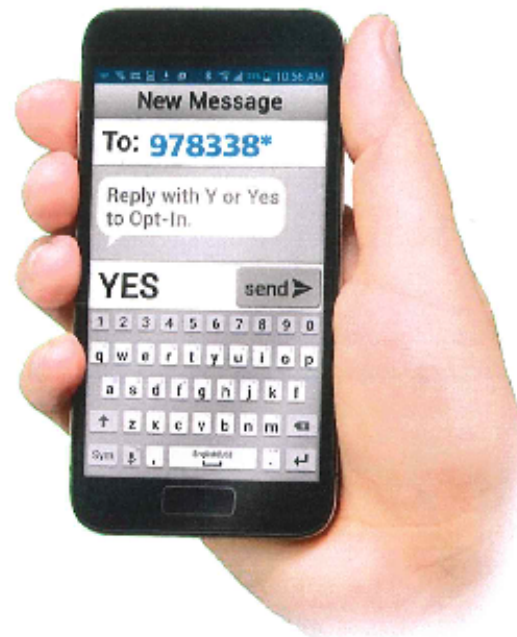
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The Widening of Highway 1

Highway 1 Widening Through Langley – Province Seeking Feedback

Our District values our community partners and assists them in sharing information that is relevant and meaningful to our school communities. We want to inform our students, staff, and families of the province's public consultation on the Highway 1 Widening Project. The province is seeking your input on the project to widen the Trans-Canada Highway 1 within the Township of Langley between 216 Street and 264 Street. Our District recognizes the construction and outcome of the project will impact many of our families that use these routes to travel to and from work or school and we want to keep you informed and share this opportunity with you.

The province is looking for your comments on project design including the following:

- widening 10 kilometers of Highway 1 to accommodate eastbound and westbound high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes in the median between the 216th Street and 264th Street interchanges;
- construction of a new crossing at Glover Road, which will include dedicated 2.5-metre wide cycling lanes on either side and a separate two-metre wide sidewalk;
- reconfiguration of the existing 232nd Street interchange and the replacement of the existing crossing, including a three-metre wide multi-use pathway on either side; and
- replacing the existing railway crossing immediately east of Glover Road.

The province believes this project will help reduce traffic congestion, carbon emissions, vehicle accidents while increasing safety for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians in the region. Please note this is NOT a Langley School District public engagement initiative. A news release outlining the public engagement process which is now open and runs through to March 19 is [here](#) and details on providing online feedback is on this website [here](#). Please have your say and help make this a safer and sustainable region.

Student Success Magazine

The Spring edition of Student Success is out in Langley Advance/Times. Read about the upcoming West Fine Art Show, Capstone projects, SASSY Awards, Outdoor Classrooms and Scholarships. See link.

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Calling All Designers

Put on your thinking cap and pack your bag with ideas!

Chloe Kim is a Grade 12 student at Walnut Grove Secondary. As part of her graduating Capstone Project, she has carefully formulated an ambitious plan – to design, produce, market and sell an environmentally friendly tote bag throughout the Langley School District and community. As a way to involve her fellow students, she has put forth a challenge. “Design an image that will become the symbol that merges environmentalism with philanthropy. The winning design will be featured on the tote bag,” she says.

In partnership with the Langley School District Foundation, Chloe hopes to transport her message and marketing to a wide audience. Hoping to sell 100’s of the practical, stylish and eco-friendly tote bags, all will feature a poignant and evocative image, designed by a student.

“Net proceeds will go to support our hungry students and families,” says Chloe.

Her plan and ultimate goal are nothing, if not enterprising. With determination and a subtle forcefulness rare in someone so young, Chloe managed to engage the Foundation into a partnership – one that we whole-heartedly embrace.

Please send designs to chloekim672@gmail.com as b/w in pdf, png, AI, ESP, JPEG or Tif with a transparent background. All designs need to incorporate the Langley School District Foundation logo. Deadline for submissions is Friday, March 12 at 4:00 pm. The winner will be announced on April 1, 2021. Good luck and thank you for participating in this project.

Calling all **STUDENT** **Designers**

We want you to design Langley's Community Tote Bag. The bag, made from environmentally-friendly materials will feature the winning design and will be for sale throughout the district and community. All profits from the sales will go to the Langley School District Foundation to support Food for Thought Programs for Langley students.

The Foundation logo must be incorporated in the design. Email chloekim672@gmail.com to receive black version of the logo.



HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Email black design in vector format as png, PDF, AI or EPS. Rasterized files are also acceptable as JPEG or TIF with transparent background to chloekim672@gmail.com.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS: Friday, March 12, 2021

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Softball for all players 7 and up

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<https://softball.nldiamondsports.ca/programs/registration/>

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- promote good sportsmanship
- foster a love of the sport
- develop fundamental skills
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